PRINTHEAD SWATH TEMPERATURE CONTROL

ABSTRACT

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In one embodiment, a printing system includes an inkjet printhead configured to traverse bi directionally over a printzone printing one swath in a first direction, and a subsequent swath in a second direction opposite the first direction, with the printhead rising to a base temperature in response to a pre warming signal prior to beginning a swath. The printing system also includes a temperature sensor configured to monitor the temperature of the printhead. A controller is configured to generate the pre warming signal in response to an end of swath temperature monitored by the temperature sensor following printing the one swath.